

Meet Keynote Luncheon Speaker

J. Michael Nolan, President of California Workers' Compensation Institute



J. Michael Nolan is the president of the Oakland-based California Workers' Compensation Institute. The Institute, established in 1964, is a private, nonprofit corporation that serves as a research and information arm for the California workers' compensation industry. Institute members include insurers that write approximately 90 percent of the workers' compensation business in the state, as well as more than two dozen public and private self-insured employers.

Mr. Nolan is a member of RAND's Insurance Advisory Committee and is or has been a member of various advisory committees for the California Division of Workers' Compensation, the Department of Insurance, and the Commission on Health and Safety and Workers' Compensation. In 2003, Mr. Nolan served as a member of Commissioner John Garamendi's workers' compensation insurance task force. In 2007, Mr. Nolan served as a member of the WC Fraud Focus Group, which reported to Commissioner Poizner's Advisory Task Force on Insurance Fraud. Periodically, Mr. Nolan is invited to testify on workers' compensation issues at public hearings of the California Legislature and administrative agencies and to speak at industry meetings on workers' compensation.

A graduate of St. Bonaventure University in New York and Georgetown University Law Center, Mr. Nolan joined the Institute on June 15, 2001 bringing with him 30 years of experience in the insurance industry, having held legal and management positions with several large insurers – the last as senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Argonaut Insurance Company, where he managed the varied legal activities of Argonaut's insurance group. He has served on the board of governors of the California Insurance Guarantee Association, the laws committee of the National Association of Independent Insurers (now known as the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America), and is a past member of the board of directors of the National Council on Compensation Insurance (now known as NCCI Holdings, Inc.).